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COMPLETE DESTRUCTION

EVERY QUARTER OF SAN FRANCISCO HEMED IN WITH FIRE AND NO WATER

Flames Cross Van Ness Avenue Which was Blown Down by Cannons in an effort to save the Western Portion

Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Shasta, Ukiah and Geyserville Completely Destroyed--Other Districts Report Disaster and Death

Official Report

OAKLAND, April 19.—Prof. Burkhalter of the Chabot Observatory makes this official report.

"It started at 5:14:48 and its duration was 28 seconds.

"As soon as possible I went to the observatory and found that the tremor was too much for the smoked glass which was on the seismograph at the time of the trouble.

"The smoked glass shows where the needle left the glass because of the excessive oscillation.

"It is difficult to state the exact direction in which the tremor moved, but there indications that it took in all the four points of the compass.

"The quake stopped the mean time around the sidereal clocks of the observatory at the time I have given you, namely fourteen minutes and forty-eight seconds after 5 o'clock this morning.

"The sidereal clock cannot now be started and a scientific man will have to be employed to make that go. I will not try to accomplish it.

"The instruments of the observatory viz. the equatorial telescope and the transit instrument, are without doubt out of adjustment. It will take some time before the transit will be perfectly adjusted—it may take months."

Desolation Everywhere

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The sun rose this morning on a ruined and desolated city. It was simply square miles of blackened waste. All night the able bodied men had been assisting the Fire Department. Water had been out of the question and it was a battle royal between fire and dynamite.

The explosive was used by the ton and men cheered when a great gap had been made in blocks of buildings but the hope was short lived for in a few minutes the onrushing flames would leap across the gap and blaze on the other side. All night the air resounded with reverberation of gun powder and dynamite and the U. S. Government being called on rushed every pound at its disposal into the city but it was merely a waste of time and this morning saw the flames eating their way steadily to the west leaving desolation everywhere.

Nob Hill Goes Under

The flames seemed to tire of ravaging the tenement district South of Market and with a strong wind to fan its progress the conflagration turned to the north and began to climb the hill. It was a rich feast for the flames.

The Spreckles and Huntington palaces were first the Hon. Art Gallery with its beautiful and costly paintings and statuary was destroyed. The fire feasted its fill upon the barbaric palaces that crowned those heights where wealth had been enthroned for half a century.

The Fairmont Hotel, the structure just completed and costing millions went with the rest. Block after block went up in a tempest of flame and houses were wiped out in a few minutes that represented mere wealth than whole blocks located South of Market. The owners were reduced to nothing and soon went to join the crowds who sought shelter in the tents of the public parks.

The St. Francis Collapses

About half past ten the noble St. Francis a five million dollar hotel which was reported as having stood the first shock of earthquake collapsed with a crash that shook the ground for blocks.

Union Park with its Dewey monument in the center and one of the most picturesque spots on the Coast is filled with people who spent the night on the grassy lawns and under the shadow of the shrubbery. The monument is leaning out of plumb and may fall at any time.

The Terrible Death Roll

OAKLAND, April 19, 6 a. m.—The bay is crowded with boats of every description taking refugees from the city. All who come have the most harrowing tales of the terrible loss of human life. It is claimed here that the death roll will run into ten thousand. The dead are reported as strewn the streets and no attempt made to remove or bury them. The people who started to collect the dead in ambulance wagons have abandoned the task and only seek to save themselves and their household effects.

The City Abandoned

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Mayor Schmitz has issued an order admitting the impossibility of saving the city and calling on the inhabitants to save themselves.

The effect of this order was immediate. It was admitted on all sides that there was nothing else to do under the circumstances. There was at once a rush for life. Men abandoned the fighting of the flames with not a drop of water or a pound of dynamite at hand and all joined the mad rush for safety. In this confusion many lives were sacrificed. It was in many places the survival of the strong. Women and children were trampled under foot and there were places where strong men went down in the rush never to rise again with the life trampled out by the rushing throng.

Pandemonium reigns as the crowds of refugees are pressing to the city front to board boats. Thousands are spreading over the hills in South San Francisco rather than take chances along the city front which is a vast line of fire to the waters edge.

The boats have to make wide detours to make suitable landings.

Terrible Suffering

The sufferings of thousands who slept in the parks under scanty covering and with a cold wind sweeping over the peninsula, was indescribable. Women and children who had been gently bred and reared in the lap of luxury, found couches on the damp ground crowded in among drunken men. Some of those who slept had their coverings stripped off in the night by people who believed that necessity knew no law.

Shooting the Looters

Many are reported as having been shot down while engaged in robbing corpses.

The Chief of Police issued an order to kill every looter caught in the act and the soldiers and police never hesitated a moment when a case of that kind was found. Such men were left lying as they fell.

In places mobs have broken into

saloons and helped themselves to the liquor. Some of the proprietors of saloons seeing that they could not save their property knocked in the heads of their liquor barrels and emptied their contents into the gutter.

Drinking Water Doled Out

With the water mains broken every where and the Spring Valley reservoirs exhausted the public is suffering the horrors of thirst. Thousands are in Golden Gate Park where the soldiers are serving water. It is doled out in small quantities each one receiving a small quantity only.

The Crisis of Yesterday

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The crisis in the days battle with the fire was reached at about 11 o'clock this morning when the flames were sweeping everywhere and not a drop of water available. The firemen with their clothes torn from their bodies and their faces grimed with soot laid down exhausted in the streets and many died from their exertions.

The Afternoon

At one o'clock the Western Union and Southern Pacific buildings went under.

The Telephone Company had retired from their building and were keeping up their work in the Ferry building. The wind increased in strength and again the flames rose with renewed fury with nothing to block their path.

Santa Rosa Wiped Out

OAKLAND, April 19.—News comes from Santa Rosa that the town is destroyed and not a brick or stone building left standing in the city. Many people were also killed. Some of the estimates run as high as two hundred.

The Shock at Alameda

ALAMEDA, April 19.—The tremor this morning has caused a loss here estimated at fully \$200,000. No lives were lost, but a few were seriously injured.

William Cunningham at the Leona Hotel had his skull fractured by falling brick. He is liable to die. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boehmer and child were hemmed in by falling brick and shattered timber at rooms at Park street adjoining the badly damaged Tudor block. They were rescued by Fire Chief Krauth by using a ladder, escaping miraculously.

The Methodist block has a section of the roof torn off. Hundreds of chimneys all over town are down. The handsome Van Sicken residence and that of Contractor Young on High street suffered much damage from chimneys crashing through the roofs.

The Webster street bridge and Island bridge are twisted out of shape. Near the latter the quake opened up a fissure in the roadway twenty feet long, through which the sea water is gushing.

The City Hall tower is cracked and will have to be replaced. The cottage of Engineer Asa French on Mound street was half demolished. A tank fell on the Ross house and a colored family escaped narrowly with their lives. The Hart house on Sixth street is wrecked, a little child being slightly hurt. Charles Sturm's residence was lifted six feet and on to the walk—damage about \$5000. Mrs. Adrain

Merle lost \$1000 in fractured cut glass statuary, etc.

The Burdick cottage at 1907 Bay street fell in, the occupants escaping with bruises. J. Ingalls, a repair man of the O. T. Company was hurt by falling masonry in front of the Tucker building. There is no water here, but fortunately no fires.

Railroad tracks and all wires are in a confusion. Railroad tracks across the marsh are twisted. The tall chimney at the old oil works fell across the South Side tracks at West Alameda.

Over 600 feet of the track of the Oakland Transit Company has sunk at least three and one-half feet.

Relief Measures

The country is responding nobly to a call for assistance for the stricken city. In addition to the million dollars appropriated by the National Government, Uncle Sam has placed ten million in the New York Sub Treasury to assist the banks of San Francisco.

The New York Stock Exchange raised \$85,000 in ten minutes.

The Park Bank of New York has placed \$1,000,000 at the disposal of San Francisco.

Chicago, St. Louis and all the big eastern cities have issued calls for public meetings, to raise funds for San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has subscribed \$100,000.

The Eagles of Virginia City, have sent \$1000 to their brethren in San Francisco.

Tonopah has raised nearly five thousand.

Reno, 1000.

Seventeen car loads of provisions are on the way from Los Angeles to the starving of San Francisco.

Reno is sending a car load of bread. The Mayor of San Francisco has issued a call for the women of the Coast to bake bread and send it to the relief committee.

All over the Coast the response has been spontaneous and hearty.

The Wells Fargo Company have ordered all relief money and supplies sent free.


Battling Nelson, \$1000.

Artillery Brought In

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The work of trying to stem the tide of fire at Van Ness Ave brought the artillery of the Government into the fight. It was determined to make a last and final stand at this avenue, the broadest in San Francisco and every available piece of artillery at the Persidio was brought into action. The fierce cannonading began against the buildings on the east side of the avenue and some seventeen blocks were demolished. The firing line extended a mile and the magnificent buildings went down shattered by the withering fire of the guns manned as rapidly as possible.

The cannonading could be heard for miles, and every round of ammunition available was used. For a time the result hung in doubt but the flames came on and blazed over the ruins wrought by the cannonading and then crossed the intervening space and began the work of destroying the Western Addition.

Circus Day at Carson City Monday, April 23



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Pretty Edna Marettta

Grand Street Parade

Performances at 2 and 8 p m.

OFFICIAL COUNT OF STATE FUNDS.

STATE OF NEVADA.

County of Ormsby, s. s.

John Sparks and W. G. Douglass being first duly sworn say they are members of the Board of Examiners of the State of Nevada, and on the 27th day of Feb. 1906, they, (after having ascertained from the books of the State Controller the amount of money that should be in the Treasury) made an official examination and count of the money and vouchers for money in the State Treasury of Nevada and found the same correct as follows:

Coin	257,242 50
Paid coin vouchers not returned to Controller	49,911 75
Total	298,154 25
State School Fund Securities.	
Irredeemable Nevada State School bonds	380,000 00
Mass. State 3 per cent bonds	537,000 00
Nevada State Bonds	204,700 00
Mass. State 3 1/2 per cent bonds	312,000 00
United States Bonds	215,000 00
Total	1,996,854 25
W. G. Douglass	
John Sparks	

Subscribed and sworn before me this 27th day of Feb., A. D. 1906.

J. Doane,

Notary Public, Ormsby County, Nev.

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Notice of Application for Permission to Appropriation the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of Sept. 1905, in accordance with Section 23, Chapter XLVI, of the Statutes of 1905, one Philip V. Mighels and Frank L. Wildes of Carson, County of Ormsby and State of Nevada, made application to the State Engineer of Nevada for permission to appropriate the public waters of the State of Nevada. Such application to be made from Ash Canyon creek at points in N E 1/4 of S W 1/4 of section 10 T 15 N R 19 E by means of a dam and headgate and five cubic feet per second is to be conveyed to points in N E 1/4 of S W 1/4 of section 11, T 15 N R 19 E, by means of a flume and pipe and there used to generate electrical power. The construction of said works shall begin before June 1, 1906, and shall be completed on or before June 1, 1907. The water shall be actually applied to a beneficial use on or before June 1, 1908.

Signed:

HENRY THURTELL,

State Engineer.